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SURVIVORS include his widow; two sons, a daughter, Bery Draper, Diane Draper, Robert G. Draper, Heber; stepmother, Mrs. Pearl Draper, Salt Lake City; three brothers, a sister, Golden T. Draper, Nyssa, Ore.; Derral G. Draper, Sunset; Mrs. Clifford (Helen) Lowther, Nephi.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday noon in the Wasatch LDS Stake Tabernacle, with Ray Berg, bishop of the Heber Third LDS Ward, officiating. Friends may call at Olpin Mortuary, Heber, Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday prior to services. Burial will be in the Heber City Cemetery.

CO-OWNER OF the Nielson Memorial Hospital in Heber, he also was co-owner of the Mountain Spa, a member of the Lions Club, former member of the Wasatch County School Board and was chairman and smorgashbord cook for the county polio drives for several years.

He earned the first Eagle Scout badge award in the Sunset

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